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SUBJ: MULLAH'S PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW IRAN

1. HOJJATOLISLAM HAJ MIRZA HAMID BANABI, A TABRIZ CLERGYMAN, STATED HIS DEMANDS SEPT 6 IN A PRESS INTERVIEW: NO LAW CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WHICH CONTRAVENES ISLAMIC LAW.

2. HIS SPECIFIC DEMANDS INCLUDED: (A) ABOLISHMENT OF CO-EDUCATION; (B) ALL LIQUOR STORES MUST BE CLOSED; (C) MOVIE THEATERS AND TELEVISION SHOULD SHOW ONLY EDUCATIONAL FILMS; (D) MUSLIM POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD BE FREED, AND ALL THOSE IN EXILE MUST BE ALLOWED TO RETURN; (E) PERSONNEL WORKING IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM SHOULD BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE BASIC LAWS OF ISLAM; (F) ONLY MUSLIMS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONS SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH CULTURAL AFFAIRS; AND (G) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

3. COMMENT: WHILE SOME OF BANABI'S POINTS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE BY MORE ESTABLISHED LEADERS, HE HAS ALSO VOCALIZED HERE FOR FIRST TIME IN MEDIA SOME OF THE MORE
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RADICAL RELIGIOUS DEMANDS MAKING THE TEA ROOM AND COFFEE HOUSE ROUNDS. THEY ARE DRAWING STRONG REACTION FROM MORE WESTERNIZED IRANIANS AND HAVE BEGUN TO STIMULATE TALK OF POLITICAL COUNTER ACTIVITY. END COMMENT
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